making the penal actions more stringent. As per MDG, 2005, a dealership would be terminated in the first instance of adulteration itself.

6. Jan Kerosene Pariyojna: To streamline the PDS Kerosene distribution system and contain diversion of kerosene for adulteration and other unauthorized usages, Jan Kerosene Pariyojna (JKP) had been launched initially for a period of 6 months on a pilot basis in 414 blocks with effect from 2.10.2005. The Pilot scheme has been further extended upto 31.08.2007.

7. Smart Card Scheme: With the objective of ensuring that the benefit of the subsidy reaches the targeted consumers in an efficient and cost-effective manner and to prevent any leakages, this Ministry has proposed introduction of Smart Card System for distribution of PDS kerosene. The scheme is proposed to be introduced initially on an experimental basis. In the Pilot project, subsidized kerosene through Smart Card is proposed to be available to BPL families while all other ration card holders would be given non-subsidized kerosene. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would ensure adequate availability of PDS as well as non-subsidized kerosene during tbe entire period of implementation of the Pilot.

Price of LNG to be imported from Iran

1012. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iran has demanded price hike for supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard including likely total impact; and

(c) whether India has accepted the price hike proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No formal proposal has been received from Iran regarding price revision of LNG.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Building strategic reserves based on cheap oil

1013. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that China imported 12.4 million barrels of crude for its strategic storage tanks in December, which was more than 50 percent higher than its November intake, taking advantage of cheaper oil; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that Government does not consider such courses for building up reserves based on cheap crude price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As per the FACTS Global Energy Report Issue of March, 2007, 12.4 million barrels of crude were offloaded to the Chinese storage sites of its Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPRs) at Zhenhai, Zhejiang Province in December, 2006. This was in addition to the 3 and 4 million barrels of injections in November, 2006.